

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Specification Amendments

By the above amendment to the Specification (i.e., replacement paragraph, p. 53, lines 9-18), Applicant has corrected a typographical error by replacing a reference to “FIG. 9” with corrected reference to “FIG. 10.”

Drawing Amendments

The appended corrected drawings fulfill the requirement of the Office Action (point 5, p. 2) and are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Included in the corrected drawings are Replacement Sheets for Figures 1, 2 and 8 which thicken the lines of the flow charts and reposition the “yes” and “no” indications next to the decision blocks as required.

Claim Amendments

1. Claim Objections (point 6, p. 3). Claim 54 has been amended to correct the typographical error of referring to “Claim 55” instead of “Claim 53.”
2. Claims 94, 95 and 96 allowable (point 7, p. 3). Claims 94-96 remain unamended as they were deemed allowable in the Office Action.
3. Claims 1, 36 and 70 allowable subject matter (point 8, p. 4), but rejected under 35 USC 101 (point 9, p. 6). Claims 1, 36 and 70 have been amended to overcome the rejections by including “language like: ‘A computer implemented method,’ as suggested in the Office Action on p. 7 (last line). The claim preambles have been amended to read, “A method *of using a computer for...., using said computer to perform the following steps* comprising:” The aforesaid computer implementation is supported by the specification (see, e.g., Detailed Description – Method & System of Implementation section starting on

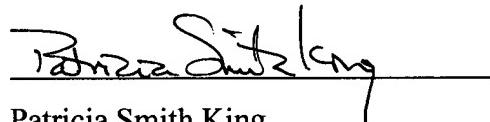
p. 52, line 27, and following; Fig. 10). Their respective dependent claims, i.e., claims 2-35, 37-69, and 71-93, are therefore also allowable (as confirmed in the Office Action at point 8 on pp. 4-5).

4. Claims 97-100 rejected under 35 USC 101 (point 10, p. 8). Claims 97-100 have been cancelled.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the specification, drawings and all remaining pending claims, and their pending dependent claims are now in proper form and clearly and patentably distinguish over the prior art. Therefore Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action Applicant respectfully solicits. No new matter has been added.

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DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Attached please find corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) as required in the Office Action (point 5 on p. 2). The corrected drawings include replacement sheets for Figures 1, 2 and 8 to thicken the lines and to otherwise make the flow chart elements easily reproducible and to relocate the “yes” and “no” indications.